

# Symphony in the Flint Hills Caught Recycling

The inaugural concert of the Symphony in the Flint Hills got caught recycling by KDHE's Green Team on the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve in Chase County on Saturday, June 10.

The daylong event featured Prairie Art Plein Air Art Auction, guided birding and prairie walks; authentic covered wagon rides, exhibits, barbeque and beverages. Living History programs including quilting, blacksmithing, heritage cooking, carpentry, period music of 1880's roping and school house activities; educational presentations on prairie plants and wildflowers, geology, history of cowboys and historic ranching, birds of the prairie, modern day ranching, Kanza tribe and early day Flint Hills cowboys. Hay wagons and shuttle buses took the 6,500 attendees who didn't hike the mile up the hills to the concert site. The concert featured the Kansas City Symphony and Chorus, Paul Winter Consort and narration ending just before sunset and the full moon.

Thousands of concert-goers were caught recycling and a dozen individuals were awarded tickets to next year's Symphony in the Flint Hills by the **Get Caught Recycling™** KDHE Green Team. According to Keith Senn, Emporia Solid Waste Department, 660 pounds of materials were recycled from this event (520 pounds of plastic and 140 pounds of cardboard). That is a lot of plastic bottles for a warm June day on the prairie. Check out the **Get Caught Recycling™** winners at the Web site [www.getcaughtrecycling.com](http://www.getcaughtrecycling.com) in mid-July.



**Top Left:** The sun begins to set before the start of the Symphony on the Prairie.

**Top:** Volunteers of the KDHE green team helped recycle more than 600 pounds of plastic and cardboard.

**Left:** KDHE's Rodney Ferguson, standing next to the recycling container, keeps a vigilant eye for waste during the concert.